

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1033

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Rodney Kinder on his selection as Miller Boyd Alternative School's Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Kinder is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kinder has been selected as Miller Boyd Alternative School's Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence he has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a sixth- through twelfth-grade teacher at Miller Boyd Alternative School, Rodney Kinder is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, he pursued a career in education after fourteen years in the HVAC industry, earning his degrees in education while working as a teacher assistant at Manley and Hillcrest; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kinder holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education and a Master of Education degree in Learning and Technology from Western Governors University; and

WHEREAS, an educator for eight years, he is currently teaching his second year of social studies to high school students and English as a second language to sixth- through twelfth-graders; he previously taught at Fairview-Marguerite, Lincoln Heights Middle, and Hillcrest schools; and

WHEREAS, he is most grateful for the love he shares with his wife, Christy, as well as their children, Kayla (Nik) Davis, Tommy, and Brylee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kinder serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Kinder truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Rodney Kinder on being chosen as Miller Boyd Alternative School's Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.